President's announcement of members to the Text-Book Committee

Mr President: I have to announce that Mr. T. K. L. Kunjuvareed and Mr. C. S. Panicker have been elected to the Text-book Committee, the other candidates having withdrawn their candidature.

Announcement of nominations received to the Standing Finance Committee

Mr. President: For the election of a Member to the Standing Finance Committee valid nominations of the following members have been received:—Messrs. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiripad and P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. The election will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government at 6 O'clock this afternoon.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

The Cochin Agriculturists Relief Act (amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* I second it.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, the Government oppose the motion for the third reading of the Bill. As this Bill has been discussed threadbare at its former stages, I do not propose to reiterate these same arguments now. Government oppose this Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, Sir, we are certainly living in a world of surprises and the one that we had just now only adds to that list of surprises. The Government for the first time in the 20 years' history of this Council is seen today to get up in its seat and oppose a Bill at the third reading stage. All glory to the Government for that. I am taking a leaf from the speech of the Hon'ble Member for Law who opposed the passing of the Bill at the final stage and say that there is no point in reiterating the points that have been stressed here, without further comment, I move that the Bill be passed into law.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* A Poll, Sir.

Ayes

1 Dr. (Mrs.) T. Francis
2 Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
3 Mr. P. Narayana Menon
4 Mr. P. Govinda Menon
5 Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan
6 Mr. P. T. Jacob
7 Mr. C. S. Panicker
8 Mr. P. K. Paul
9 Mr. P. Sankara Menon
10 Mr. M. K. Raja
11 Mr. M. I. Paul
12 Mr. Dhara Singh
13 Mr. P. Mani
14 Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan
15 Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon
16 Mr. L. M. Pylee
17 Mr. K. T. Achuthan
18 Jos. K. Varghese
19 Mr. P. V. Sebastian
20 Mr. Paramel Iype Iype
21 Mr. M. K. Varghese
22 Mr. K. K. Kannan
23 Mr. P. K. Dewer
24 Mr. K. Kochukuttan
25 Mr. K. A. Raghavan

At that time the Hon'ble Secretary to Government, Mr. C. J. Mathew came to the Council Hall.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I rise on a point of order, Sir. The Hon'ble Member Mr. C. J. Mathew was not in the House when the motion was put and he has no right to take part in the Poll.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member must withdraw from the House.

Noes

1 Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiripad
2 Mr. A. Eachara Menon
3 Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael
4 Rao Sahib I. N. Menon
5 Rao Sahib M. M. Paul
6 Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu
7 Mr. M. Sivarama Menon
8 Mr. S. Venkateswaran
9 Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon
10 Mr. B. V. K. Menon

Mr. President: 25 against 10. The Bill is passed into law.

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